

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a bush from a blank comprising:
providing a blank having a surface to be lined and at least one spigot upstanding from the surface;
providing a liner having an aperture;
locating the aperture in the liner around the spigot such that the liner lies on the surface;
adhesively bonding the liner to the surface; and
stamping out the blank around the spigot to provide a lined and flanged bush, the bush comprising a flange providing a flange surface formed from the surface of the blank, the flange surface surrounding the spigot, the bush comprising an adhesive bond between the flange surface and the liner and a mechanical bond between an outer edge of the liner and an edge of the flange.
2. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the act of stamping includes cutting through the liner and then into at least part of the blank.
3. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the act of stamping comprises cutting completely through the blank.
4. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the blank is stamped from the side of the blank provided with the liner.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, wherein pressure is applied to the liner prior to stamping to assist consistent bonding of the liner to the surface.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the liner around the spigot is spaced apart from the spigot by a clearance gap.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein a plurality of spigots are provided on the blank and the liner is provided with at least a corresponding number of apertures, wherein the apertures are located around respective spigots such that the liner lies on the surface and the act of stamping out the blank around the spigot to provide a flanged bush is carried out simultaneously for all the spigots so as to provide a plurality of lined and flanged bushes from one stamping operation.

9. (Original) A method according to Claim 8, wherein the spigots are provided on the blank in a regular array.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the blank is machined to provide the at least one spigot, the at least one spigot having a central bore machined therein.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the blank is a billet machined from a bar of material.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) A flanged bush comprising:
a spigot having a flange which provides a flange surface surrounding the spigot; and
a liner having an aperture through which the spigot is located, wherein there is an
adhesive bond between the flange surface and the liner and a mechanical bond between an outer
edge of the liner and an edge of the flange.

14. (Original) A flanged bush according to Claim 13, wherein the liner includes a
metal mesh.

15. (Previously Presented) A flanged bush according to Claim 14, wherein the liner
is a self-lubricating liner.

16. (Previously Presented) A flanged bush according to Claim 13, wherein the
mechanical bond is provided by a stamping process which cuts firstly through the liner and then
the material of what will comprise the flange to provide an element of compression of the liner at
the very edge of the flange surface and create the mechanical bond between the liner and the
flange thus ensuring that the liner is fully bonded around the edge of the flange to the flange.

17. (Previously Presented) A flanged bush according to Claim 13, wherein the liner
is a self-lubricating liner.

18. (Previously Presented) A flanged bush according to Claim 14, wherein the
mechanical bond is provided by a stamping process which cuts firstly through the liner and then
the material of what will comprise the flange to provide an element of compression of the liner at
the very edge of the flange surface and create the mechanical bond between the liner and the
flange thus ensuring that the liner is fully bonded around the edge of the flange to the flange.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A flanged bush being formed by a method comprising:
providing a blank having a surface to be lined and at least one spigot upstanding from the surface;
providing a liner having an aperture;
locating the aperture in the liner around the spigot such that the liner lies on the surface;
adhesively bonding the liner to the surface; and
stamping out the blank around the spigot to provide a lined bush having a flange with a mechanical bond formed between an outer edge of the liner and an edge of the flange and an adhesive bond between the liner and a surface of the flange.